



CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL

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School Vision

Cultivating a community of respect, equity, and kindness, fuelling ambitious minds to thrive and make a positive impact in our world.

School Values

Ambition

Respect

Kindness

Head Teacher Weekly Update

Dear Pupils, Parent/Carer,

As we reach the October break for pupils and staff, we continue to work hard to ensure that learning experiences are engaging, motivating, and challenging for our young people.

The Art department continue to show off pupils work on our Facebook page regularly, but I have been so impressed with the quality of the work that I feel that it is important to highlight this further on my weekly update. Please see below some of the fantastic pieces of work from the Glasgow School of Art Portfolio class. Some lovely work exploring different drawing and mark making techniques including mono printing and drawing with willow sticks, ink, and charcoal.



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WINTER CLOTHING GRANT

Renfrewshire Council will make a £50 winter clothing payment to parents and carers of children and young people attending primary or secondary school who have received a school clothing grant this school year (from August 2023).

This payment will help families buy additional winter clothing and is part of a wide range of support for people during the cost-of-living crisis.

Anyone who has already applied for a school clothing grant, you do not need to apply again.

People who haven't applied and receive a qualifying benefit should apply by Friday 20 October to get both a school clothing grant and the £50 winter clothing payment.

There is help and support available for anyone who needs it.

Any parent can make an appointment with the new Schools Support Service run by Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau. Search "Money advice service in secondary schools" on the Renfrewshire website or call 0141 889 2121. Alternatively, please call your young persons Pupil Support teacher for assistance.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Last week I mentioned that we are moving to a more efficient way of communicating with parents/carers by sending emails rather than text messages.

To do this, we require parents email addresses and would be grateful if you could complete the Microsoft Form using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/VA4HMguFg8>



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LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB

Our Lego Robotics club have been enjoying themselves on Wednesdays after school. Mrs Ballantyne has highlighted some brilliant and creative work. This has included pupils exploring gears and mechanisms to get fan blades to work and creating a speed racer with a mini bot in preparation for the Balloon race which will take place after the October break. Pupils in S1-S3 are welcome to join the club and get involved in the action:



RENFREWSHIRE JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL DEVELOPMENT EVENING

An opportunity for our newest Volleyball players to access coaching and get a flavour of what it's like to play in games against other school took place this week.

The games were informal, so although a score was kept, no results were recorded. Our pupils played a ladder system, and all of our teams made it to the top court at some point in their matches, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

10 pupils took part in the event and played against teams from Gleniffer and Renfrew. Any pupil who would like to join in should come to the PE department on a Thursday after school. All are welcome. Pupils involved were:

Oliver Morrison

Owen Morrison

Owen Dunn

Jessica Dick

Olivia O'Neil

Lara Clulow

Molly McGeoch

Emily McCardle

Samantha Wands

Miina Abraouz

Pictures of how they got on are over the page:



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PARIS TRIP 2025

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Monday evenings information meeting. All forms are due back 27th October. If you missed the meeting, please get in touch with Miss Peat on gw22peatrebecca@glow.sch.uk

S3 FRENCH CLASS

S3 French have been practising the health topic and took a visit to the doctors today. We practised fixing our ailments - although it looks like we are a while away from being called un médecin anytime soon! Well done to all pupils on their tremendous efforts with vocabulary learning - bravo!



UCAS ONLINE SESSION FOR PARENTS

Glasgow University are running online information sessions for parents to help them support students making UCAS applications this year. These will be running on the 23rd of October and 1st November 6.30-7.30pm. Please click the link below to book:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/visit/undergraduate/ukundergradevents/parentscarerssessions/>



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Finally, on Wednesday, we bid a fond farewell to Mr Paton in the Humanities department. Mr Paton has been a valued member of staff at Castlehead since 1996. He has taught both RMPS and History to thousands of current and former Castlehead pupils. He will be sorely missed by the whole Castlehead family. Happy retirement Mr Paton!



I hope you all have a relaxing October holiday week, and we look forward to welcoming our young people back on Tuesday 24th October at 8.50am. With very best wishes to you and your family,

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher



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